

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

ANTHONY DALE, BRETT JACKSON,
JOHNNA FOX, BENJAMIN
BORROWMAN, ANN LAMBERT,
ROBERT ANDERSON, and CHAD
HOHENBERY on behalf of themselves and
all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DEUTSCHE TELEKOM AG, T-MOBILE
US, INC., and SOFTBANK GROUP CORP.,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:22-cv-03189

Hon. Thomas M. Durkin

Hon. Jeffrey Cole

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Plaintiffs Anthony Dale, Brett Jackson, Johnna Fox, Benjamin Borrowman, Ann Lambert, Robert Anderson, and Chad Hohenbery (“Plaintiffs”) and defendants T-Mobile US, Inc. (“T-Mobile”) and SoftBank Group Corp. (“SoftBank”) file this status report to 1) notify the Court that personal service of defendant Deutsche Telekom AG (“DT”) is expected by approximately June 2023 and 2) propose canceling and/or rescheduling the status hearing set for March 31, 2023, for this reason and also due to a scheduling conflict.

Status of DT Service. On August 11, 2022, this Court appointed Crowe Foreign Services and its agents (“Crowe”) to serve DT in Germany under the Hague Conference on Private International Law, Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters, Nov. 14, 1965 (“Hague Service Convention”).¹ On October 3,

¹ Order Appointing International Process Server (Aug. 11, 2022), ECF No. 23.

2022, Crowe issued a request for the appropriate German court to serve DT under the convention. On February 17, 2023, Crowe received a letter from that court requiring a new request for service with an additional letter from plaintiffs' counsel. The additional letter will confirm that plaintiffs are not pursuing what German law considers "claim splitting"—i.e., pursuing claims that seek recovery that will be split with a state government. Plaintiffs are preparing the appropriate letter and will re-transmit the service materials to the German court via the Hague Service Convention shortly. Crowe advises that this process could take approximately 2-3 more months to complete.

Proposed Rescheduling of Status Conference. The parties therefore respectfully suggest that the Court may wish to cancel or alternatively reschedule the status conference presently set for March 31, 2023, to a date in June or July. In the event the Court wishes to hold a status conference or hearing sooner than this summer, the parties respectfully request a date other than March 31, 2023, to accommodate the fact that counsel for T-Mobile has a Seventh Circuit argument set at 9:30 a.m. that day.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Brendan P. Glackin, an attorney, hereby certify that this **Joint Status Report** was electronically filed on March 23, 2023 and will be served electronically via the Court's ECF Notice system upon the registered parties of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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